

Remarks

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. patent application publication no. 2003/0102498 (“Braithwaite”). Claim 1 has been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 2-9 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in the suggested manner. Applicants believe claims 2 and 3 are now allowable. Claims 4-9 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 3 and therefore contain the allowable subject matter of claim 3.

Claims 10-20 have been found allowable by the examiner.

In addition to the above-mentioned changes to claims 2 and 3, various claims have been amended in various ways to correct minor problems, such as improper antecedent basis, redundancy, and typographical errors. These changes do not materially affect the subject matter or scope of the claims.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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